

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Washington D.C. 20240

B-3906

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: 639 Melvin DriveAddress of property: 639 Melvin DriveCity Baltimore County _____ State Md. Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located: Ridgely's Delight

Check here if request is for:

- ☒ certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)
☐ decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)
☐ easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

The house is a two and one half story masonry residence whose front facade is covered with formstone, located on the south side of Melvin Drive. There is also a layer of formstone covering the base (continued)

Statement of Significance:

(use reverse side if necessary)

The house derives its significance from its similarity of construction and architecture with other houses on Melvin Drive and in Ridgely's Delight generally. The south side of Melvin Drive is made up of two and a half story houses, except for two houses that are three (con't)

Date of construction (if known): circa 1850 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Melvin Four Partnership/ c/o The French Company, Inc.Street Wheaton Plaza Office Building North, Suite 403City Wheaton State Md. Zip Code 20902Telephone number (during day): Area Code 201-946-3760 (Wheaton) 301-792-4019 (Baltimore)

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature

Jay T. French

Date

4/27/83

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number _____

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or ☐ will likely ☐ will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature

[Signature]
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

6-16-83

CONTINUATION SHEET - 639 MELVIN DRIVE

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2. facade of the front steps. The sills and lentles are wood and the dormer roof has been covered with shingles. There is no chimney. The rear facade has substantially deteriorated. Generally, the window sashes, doors and external wall curtains are in gross disrepair.

3. stories. The absence of ornate trim, decorative moldings and marble sills or steps is characteristic of the type of houses located on the small street of Melvin Drive behind the more expensive and ornate houses on Washington Boulevard. The alternating patterns of architecture on adjacent streets reflects the historic character and significance of Ridgely's Delight. The Ridgely's Delight neighborhood during the 1840's and 1850's was a socially and economically mixed neighborhood with both blue collar workers, who were employed in the nearby heavy industrial area, and professionals such as doctors and dentists employed at the University of Maryland Hospital several blocks to the north which was founded in 1812.

SEE PHOTOGRAPHS A AND B FOR STREET SCENES.

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PHOTO A-Historic Preservation Certification Application -
Part 1 - Street Scene looking east. 639 Melvin Drive.



PHOTO B-Hist.Pres.Cert.Applctn.-Part 1-639 Melvin Drive
Street scene- looking west.



PHOTO 1-639 Melvin Dr.-His.Pres.Cert.
Application-Part 2-Front facade.

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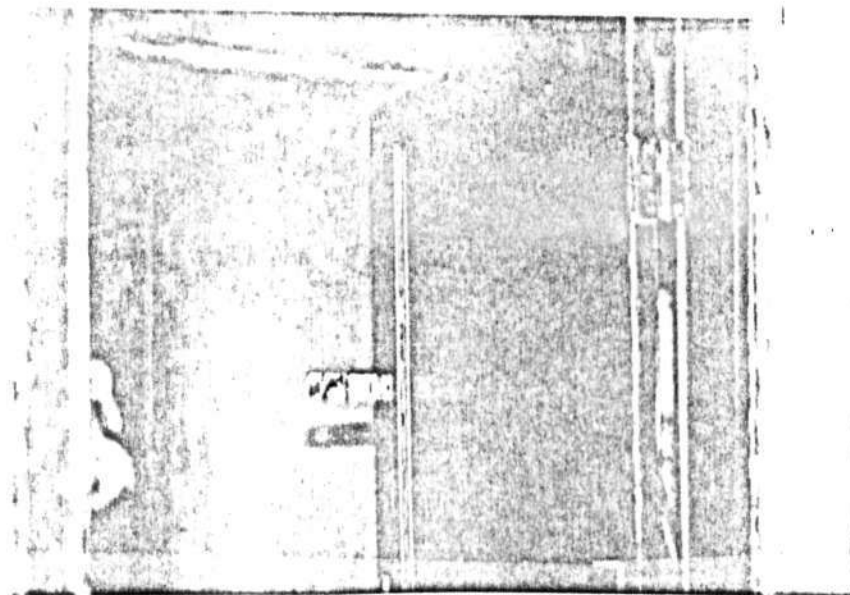


PHOTO 2 B - Hist.Pres.Cert.Applctn.-Part 2- 639 Melvin Dr.
Door-second floor.

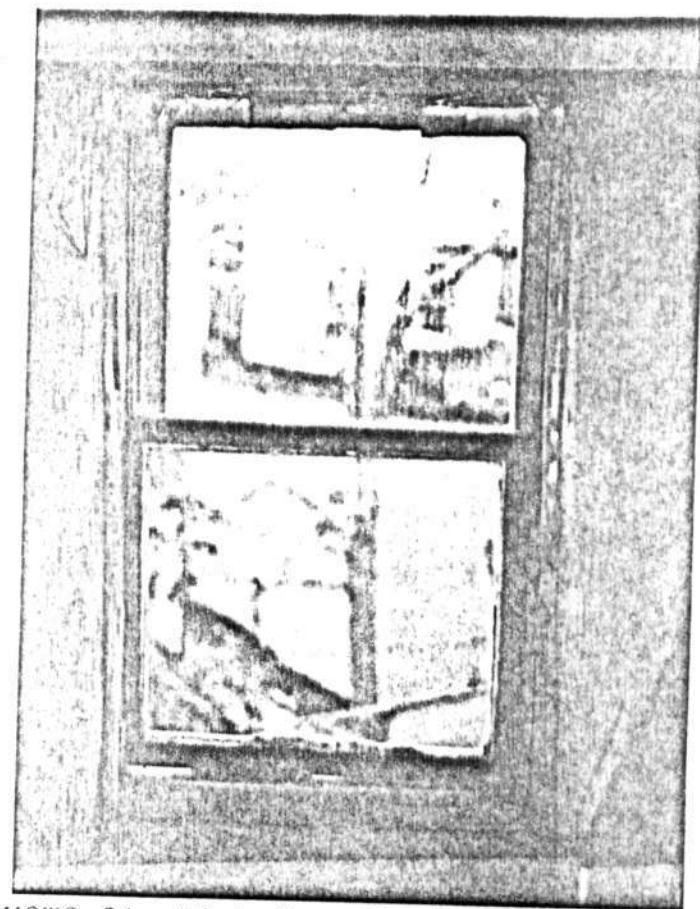
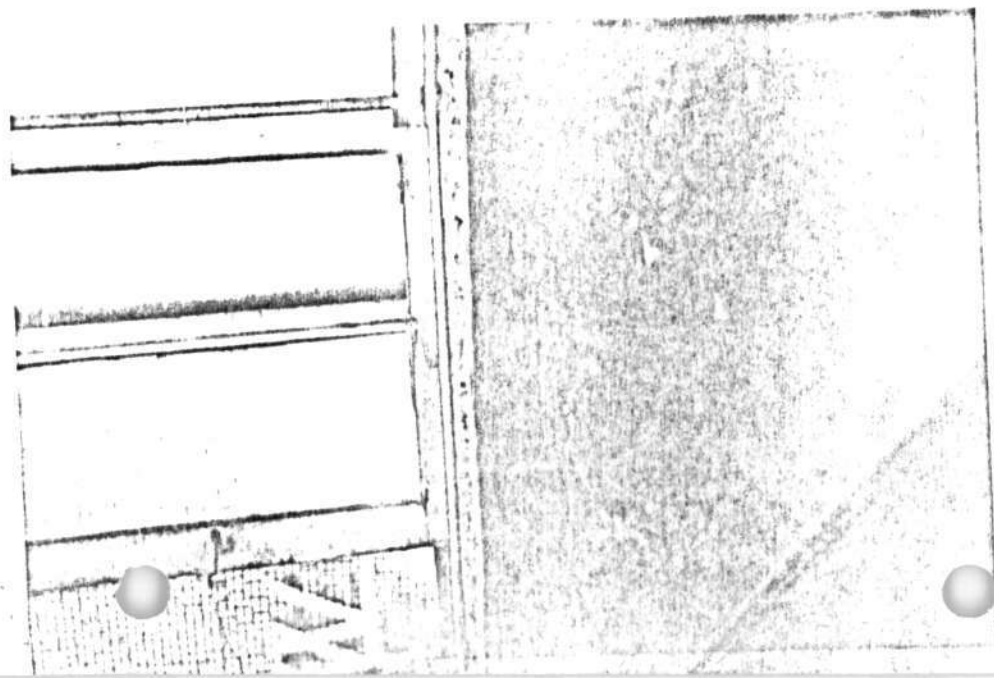


PHOTO 2A- Hist.Pres.Cert.Applctn.Part 2
639 Melvin Drive-Rear dormer on third
floor (casings and moldings).

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